



City of Columbia Qualification Statement - Local Business Enterprise (LBE)

By checking all boxes below, I certify that **My Company** meets all of the following qualifications to be eligible for the local vendor preference. I understand qualifications **will** be researched and verified by the Compliance Team. The City reserves the right to audit the company's qualifications for the local vendor preference as the City deems necessary and re-certify the company at least once every four years. A company must be certified PRIOR to bid openings. ***Items below with an asterisk require additional documentation that needs to be submitted along with the qualification statement.**

☐ Is independently owned and operated (Ownership of a local business must be direct, independent, and by individuals and/or other businesses within the Columbia-Newberry CSA. Company owner must provide document verification of local residency. ***Please provide a copy of the owners driver's License, or a utility bill, or a most current individual or corporate state and/or federal tax return.**

☐ Is in good standing with State of South Carolina (LBE firm must be in good standing with the State of South Carolina regarding its payments of taxes and required business licenses).

☐ Has a business license in one of the 7 counties making up the CSA jurisdiction. ***Please provide a copy of your business license.**

☐ Has at least one year of presence within the CSA Jurisdiction (LBE must have presence within any of the 7 CSA jurisdictions for at least one year prior to applying for LBE Certification issued by the City of Columbia).

7 CSA Jurisdictions include: Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland and Saluda.

☐ Has at least 50% of employees residing within any of the 7 CSA jurisdictions. ***Please provide a list of all owner/employee addresses - Names are optional, give street address, city, state & zip. Please include full-time, part-time, and contract employees.**

☐ ***Please provide a copy of your companies w-9.**

Note: Term of certification: Certification is valid for a period of 4 years from issue date. 30 days prior to expiration the LBE firm may submit documentation to re-certify.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ **Type of Products or Services:** _____

Please self-identify ownership as one: Minority____ **Women-owned**____ **Other**____(tracking purposes only)

Current Business License Number: _____ **County?** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____ **COC Vendor #** _____

I certify with my signature below that all of the information given above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also recognize that by signing that any false information indicated above may lead to penalties or sanctions.

Owner's Name: _____ (Print) _____ (Signature)

NOTARY - Sworn to before me this _____ **day of** _____ **20** _____

Notary Public for the State of _____ **My Commission Expires:** _____

Notary Name: _____ (Print) _____ (Signature)

Please submit this **ORIGINAL** document to:

Department of Utilities and Engineering

Attn: LBE Administrator / Team

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☐ Qualified / ☐ Not Qualified: _____ **Date:** _____

(Compliance Authorized Signature)